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Clevenger's Iris Garden

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HIGH QUALITY IRIS

FROM THE BEST IRIS GARDENS IN AMERICA

ALSO MY OWN INTRODUCTIONS



1946 Iris Season

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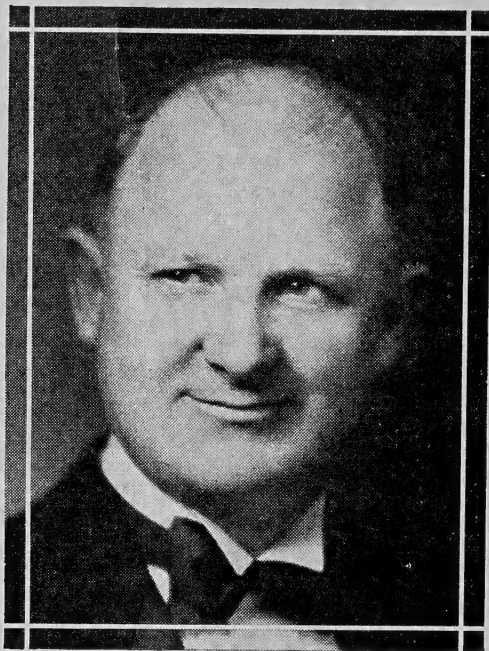
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TO *Mr. Chas. E. F. Gersdorff,*

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My Personal Page



HOWDY FOLKS

I thought you might like to know what the owner of this garden looks like. Don't think that I go dressed up like this all the time. I don't. I look like this only when my wife "yanks" me out to a bridge party. I really spend the most of my spare time in the Iris garden. Hybridizing and growing good Iris is my hobby. My vocation is teaching. I have been here at the State Teachers College teaching biology for more than twenty years. Genetics is my hobby subject too. Iris breeding gives me a chance to study my hobby subject first hand.

I have hesitated somewhat to issue this list. Already there are too many Iris of mediocre quality on the market. I have several of them in my garden. So have you. But I feel that the few lovely creations (out of the thousands I have grown) that I offer are different from anything on the market and are very much worth while. I have no apology to make for them. I believe you will like them very much.

I am issuing this (my first list) to place my own introductions into the hands of Iris lovers; to give others a chance to purchase the newer and better Iris at a nominal price, and last to offer my surplus rhizomes of the cheaper sorts to people who want them. This gives me a chance to make my hobby self supporting. I can help you and you can help me. When quality and size of rhizomes are considered my prices are very reasonable. My garden is not a commercial garden.

My descriptions are true, not filled with meaningless phrases.

I hope you will try some and be convinced of their real value.

LEWIS CLEVINGER,
A. I. S. Accredited Judge.

1946 INTRODUCTIONS

For the first time I am offering my creations to the Iris public. I believe they will take care of themselves, and Iris lovers will find them very much worth while. Descriptions are given as clearly as possible. Only one rhizome to a customer.

“HOWDY”

This word is a pleasant Missouri greeting, but the Iris was named after my wife. Her nickname is Howdy.

This Iris was introduced by the Wild Rose Iris Garden, St. Joseph, Mo., in 1942 but owing to the war the Iris had little chance of being disseminated. It was introduced at \$10.00 per rhizome.

It is a huge, much ruffled, icy white with orange beard. The buds are sky blue but open up a beautiful crispy icy white. Branching is good. Height 36". Standards are closed, falls slightly flaring. Weather resistance is excellent, as it stands up under Missouri weather. This is a real test. Hardiness unquestionable. Splendid grower. I am very proud of this lovely white Iris.

A stalk of “Howdy” with three huge ruffled flowers in a container makes a lovely display. I have several of the top-notch white Iris but “Howdy” ranks right up near the front. I know you will love it. Price \$5.00 per rhizome. Med. Early.

KIRKMO

This Iris is a beautiful red self. Not a dark red but more of a rose red. It is bright and has great carrying power in the garden. It is large and ruffled. The beard is yellow. Standards are closed and falls slightly flaring. Wind and rain have little effect on it. It is able to stand up under the most rigorous winters. Stems strong, branching good.

If you like this rosy tone of red, I believe you will love this big, ruffled Iris. It is different from any red I have seen. Price \$10.00 per rhizome. Height 38". Med. Early.

THE CHIEFTAIN

This Iris is one of those flowers that appear as though starched.

It has a lovely appearance in the garden, having a regal carriage. The color is copper-red with a lot of copper. There is a striking blue feather marking just below the haft which is very attractive and adds greatly to the beauty of the flower. The beard is orange, standards closed and falls slightly flaring. It is of average size but it is a very striking addition to the red-copper class. Substance excellent. Good grower and a fine parent plant. Even though it is 40 inches tall it does not require staking. The branching is very good. Comes from a Dauntless × Evolution Cross. Price \$10.00 per rhizome. Late.

INDIAN GIFT

A mottled blue and white plicata of gigantic size, and enough lovely grape perfume to scent the whole garden. It is worth the price asked just for this one

characteristic. The petals are slightly ruffled. The standards are arched but do not quite meet so that one may look down into the yellow heart. The falls are wide and slightly ruffled.

This is a new plicata effect. There is relatively little stitching on the margin—both the standards and the falls being mottled—something new.

Very hardy and a splendid grower. Endures our Missouri weather “like a top.” This is not a dainty plicata, but a large, bold flower that you notice at once in the garden. Height 40”. Branching is excellent. Early. Price \$10.00 per rhizome.

I am pricing these at a very low price so that every Iris fan can afford to buy.

TERMS OF SALE

All stock is guaranteed to be true to name and of the highest quality, free from disease and insect pests. That is about all we can do at this end of the line. Therefore we cannot be held responsible for your failure to make them grow. That depends on your ability as a gardener.

Cash with order, either check or P. O. money order. No C.O.D. shipments. Orders for \$2.50 or more will be shipped postpaid. Orders for less please add 25 cents to help pay postage and packing. Orders from Missouri should include the 2% sales tax.

We will not substitute unless you give us permission. Our stock is very limited, therefore please mention possible substitutes.

Shipments will begin about July 15 and will continue as long as we have orders to fill. Orders are filled in rotation. First come, first served. Early orders get the pick of rhizomes.

We are always very liberal with our free extras. Mention your favorite color so we can send you something you will enjoy.

You are invited to visit our garden and see for yourself the many fine Iris we have collected. Blooming season is the last week of May and first part of June. That is the time to make your selections. Garden Clubs are especially welcome. If possible phone us ahead of time so that we can make arrangements to take you through the garden.

If you are pleased with your order and treatment, tell others. If you are not please tell us so that we may have a chance to make it right. Our customers must be pleased.

Don't judge an Iris by its price. Many of the older ones are perfect jewels for the garden, for instance Frieda Mohr, Depute Nomblot, Black Douglas, Cheerio, and others.



GENERAL LIST OF IRIS

Alice Harding, soft toned primrose yellow.....	25c
Alta California, a large yellow, old but fine.....	25c
Baldwin, large violet self, old but good.....	25c
Beuchley's Giant, huge blue-lavender, good.....	25c
Blackamoor, very dark, blue-black, fine.....	25c
Black Douglas, blue purple, yellow beard.....	25c
Black Valor, very dark blue. Excellent.....	\$1.00
Blue Danube, med. blue self. Good grower.....	50c
Blue Triumph, large, light blue, good.....	25c
California Gold, large fine yellow.....	25c
Cheerio, red bicolor, beautiful.....	25c
Christabel, one of the best reds, deep red.....	50c
Dauntless, a grand old red, large, fine.....	25c
Dark Knight, purple bicolor, splendid.....	75c
Depute Nomblot, red-copper, large, fine.....	25c
Destiny, rich plum purple, lovely Iris.....	50c
El Tovar, variagata, S. honey yellow, F. dark maroon.....	25c
Eros, med. salmon pink, attractive.....	25c
Evolution, old blue blend, still lovely. Good breeder.....	25c
Frieda Mohr, one of the loveliest lilac pinks. Large, old but very fine.....	25c
Gloriole, large frosty light blue, good.....	50c
Golden Treasure, large, frilly light yellow, orange center, shimmering loveliness.....	75c
Golden Majesty, tall dark yellow, mighty fine.....	\$1.00
Golden Amber, soft amber yellow, overlaid gold.....	50c
Grace Sturtevant, gorgeous dark red, old but good.....	25c
Gudrun, huge white, ruffled, English D. M.....	25c
Helios, light yellow, splendid Iris.....	25c
Jean Cayeux, soft honey yellow, with gold dust.....	25c
Joyance, sister to Gudrun, lovely white.....	25c
Junaluska, red blended with gold and copper. Good.....	50c
Kalinga, huge cream. Mighty fine.....	50c
Kansas Ingleside, lovely red, fall bloomer.....	25c
King Juba, lovely variagata, red and old gold.....	25c
Lilamani, velvety, black violet self, splendid Iris.....	50c
Los Angeles, the best white plicata to date, perfect.....	50c
Louis Willert, gold S., raspberry F., gold blend overall.....	25c
Midgard, pink and yellow blend, ruffled, lovely.....	25c
Oregon Bronze, tan, bronze, lovely blend.....	50c
Paulette, huge blue-lavender, good breeder.....	25c
Pink Opal, lavender pink, tall, good for garden.....	25c
Pink Satin, a sister to Pink Opal, not so tall, good.....	25c
Piute, a really dark red, not large but lovely.....	50c
Purple Giant, a large purple self, a dandy Iris.....	25c
Rain of Fire, brilliant crimson, good in clump.....	25c
Ramases, a famous Iris, blend of rosy pink and gold. A lovely thing, D. M.....	25c
Rebellion, very dark red, splendid Iris.....	50c
Rosy Wings, rosy-red and copper tones, beautiful. D. M.....	25c
Royal Coach, yellow plicata, brown markings, large.....	75c
Sierra Blue, tall, med. blue, good grower, D. M.....	25c
Shah Jehan, rare oriental colors, blended.....	25c
Stratosphere, a light blue, not large but a fine Iris in clump.....	25c
St. Louis, a very dark blue, splendid.....	25c
Spokane, brilliant red-brown, large, very fine.....	25c
Snow King, broad white Iris, gold throat.....	50c
Spring Prom, large, creamy yellow, beautiful.....	50c
Tapestry, gold-lavender blend, good in clump.....	25c
Tenaya, dark raisin purple, beautiful.....	50c
Theodolinda, large beautiful white plicata.....	25c
Tiffany, yellow plicata, rose markings. One of the very best.....	50c
Treasure Island, fine clear yellow, splendid.....	50c
Wambliska, lovely old blue-white Iris.....	25c
Wasatch, huge, white plicata, bordered blue.....	25c
Winnishiek, dark blue, edge of petals lighter shade, good.....	25c
Zuni, dark red-brown, large, good.....	25c

(NOTE)—A good strong, well-grown rhizome is worth 25 cents—hence, I do not list any under that price. (Usually we get just what we pay for.)

I have about fifteen different kinds of Siberian Iris that I can share with you. Write me if you are interested.

NEW AND UNUSUAL IRIS

Angelus , large, pearly mauve pink blend. A lovely Iris, 36"	.75c
Ashes of Roses , name indicates color. Very lovely. Heavy substance, carriage good.....	\$1.00
Aztec Copper , subtle blend, smoky violet, delicate copper. Very large, 40". H. M. 1940.....	\$1.50
At Dawning , huge, arbutus pink, brilliant rose, yellow at throat, pearly suffusion, 40"	50c
Aubanel , large shrimp pink from France. Yellow in center. A lovely Iris.....	\$1.00
Buckskin , a tan self. Best tan on the market.....	.75c
Capitola , huge, reddish violet from Wm. Mohr. A very striking Iris for the garden.....	\$2.50
Calcutta , cocoa brown, overlaid bluish veil.....	\$1.50
China Maid , pink, golden copper, and lilac nicely blended. Large, tall. A very striking Iris.....	\$1.00
Elmohr , huge red mulberry—1945 Dykes Medal.....	\$6.00
Elkhart , large, deep chestnut red. Very good.....	50c
Ethiop Queen , nearly black, deep black violet. Fine.....	\$1.00
Golden Treasure , light yellow, rich golden orange in center. Tall. Lovely. Frilly.....	.75c
Grace Mohr , a beautiful dark seedling of Wm. Mohr. Tall. Good grower.....	\$1.00
Golden Hind , deepest golden yellow. Not large but a lovely garden Iris.....	50c
Golden Fleece , gorgeous lemon yellow. Creamy falls....	\$10.00
Matula , unusual blend warm rosy tan and apricot rose. Velvety rosy falls. A beauty.....	\$1.00
Melanie , orchid pink, tall and impressive. H. M. 1941....	\$2.50
Melitza , pale ivory flesh, tangerine beard. Unusual color....	\$2.50
Mexico , blended bicolor, golden buff, red brown.....	\$10.00
Morocco Rose , very large rose pink self. Soft yellow glow at heart. Mighty fine.....	\$1.00
Missouri Night , a very dark blue Iris with brown haft. A very beautiful Iris.....	\$1.00
Miss California , gigantic lilac pink. Very tall. A splendid garden Iris.....	50c
Midwest Gem , petals nicely crimped. Large self of pale apricot, flushed pink. Lovely.....	\$1.00
Nylon , coppery tan self, heavy gold beard. Very large. Branching splendid.....	\$1.00
Okla. City , a very large cream Iris with yellow edge on petals. Striking. Good grower.....	\$5.00
Okla. Sunset , a red purple blend. Odd color. Large.....	\$3.00
Ormohr , very large, pale lilac-violet hybrid of Wm. Mohr. Very fine.....	\$1.00
Prairie Sunset , glorious blend rose, gold, apricot, orange. Very brilliant flower. D. M. 1943.....	\$4.00
Priscilla , a stately pure white, medium size, looks like the petals are starched. Beautiful.....	\$1.00
Redward , a new rich red, very fine.....	\$8.00
Roseland , Buffy rose and rich berry red on falls. A beautiful Iris for the garden.....	\$1.00
Sandalwood , brown, fawn blend, ruffled. Fine.....	\$1.00
Salar , blended tints of flesh, cream, salmon with rose on falls. Very lovely.....	\$2.00
Shimmering Velvet , dark glistening purple self. Lovely....	\$1.00
Sylvia Murray , a wonderful celeste blue. Stunning.....	\$12.00
Token , old gold and rose on falls. Large. Splendid grower. Tall.....	\$1.00
Wabash , standards pure white, falls deep hyacinth violet, margined white. A very beautiful Iris. D. M. 1940.....	\$1.00
Witches Dance , blend of rare oriental colors, on the order of Shah Jehan but much larger and striking.....	\$1.00
Wynooche , a larger Dolly Madison. Good breeder.....	\$1.00

(NOTE)—Only one of these higher priced rhizomes to a customer.

Usually I can supply seed from some of my finest crosses. These will produce some lovely seedlings. Try some of these.

Package of 25 seeds—50 cents per package. State type of cross you would like.

